



The skilled will readily understand that while the thermostable protective mold portion 32 has been described herein with respect to a lower surface 34 of the mouthpiece body 22, and imprinting has been described as occurring along the upper surface 38 of the mouthpiece, the wearer may 5 prefer to turn the mouthpiece device upside down for imprinting. In such a case, the protective mold 32 would appear to engage an upper surface of the mouthpiece, and the teeth pattern would be imprinted along what might be described as a lower surface of the mouthpiece. Accordingly, the terms "upper" and "lower" are used herein to illustrate the invention for the skilled 10 and are not intended to limit the invention to such an orientation. The inventive mouthpiece herein described is, therefore, usable in any applicable orientation, at the user's discretion or preference.

In the drawings and specification, there have been disclosed a typical preferred embodiment of the invention, and although specific terms are 15 employed, the terms are used in a descriptive sense only and not for purposes of limitation. The invention has been described in considerable detail with specific reference to these illustrated embodiments. It will be apparent, however, that various modifications and changes can be made within the spirit and scope of the invention as described in the foregoing 20 specification and as defined in the appended claims.